

RIVERDALE

NEWS AND EVENTS



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BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE HOLDS 2016 REORGANIZATION MEETING AT BOROUGH HALL



From left to right: Councilman Dave Desai, Mayor Paul M. Carelli, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, and Councilman Matt Oswald

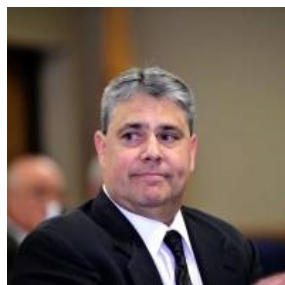
On January 1st at 3pm, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen administered the oath of office to Mayor Paul Carelli, and Councilmen David Desai and Matt Oswald.

Included in the standing room only crowd were Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo, and Freeholders Doug Cabana and Tom Mastrangelo.

Other dignitaries included former Freeholder Director and current Mayor of Wharton Bill Chegwidgen, Kinnelon Mayor Robert Collins, and former Riverdale Councilmen Joe Falkoski and Steven Loesner.



Councilman Matt Oswald and family



Councilman Dave Desai

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The Mayor's Report

My fellow Riverdale residents,

2016 is well underway in the Borough of Riverdale. After a very successful Council Reorganization meeting on January 1st, your new administration has hit the ground running. I am sincerely honored to be your Mayor and look forward to a very challenging and productive year.

As promised, here is the first edition of our "new look" borough newsletter. It has always been my intention to keep this tradition as a service to the residents of Riverdale. Our goal is to provide important information from borough officials, municipal departments, our school and library, as well as the numerous community organizations that make Riverdale a great place to live.

While this may not be the lengthy publication of the past, I feel this streamlined version will accommodate the important information we all seek. Please note that this first issue is a work in progress. If you have any suggestions, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

On the administration side, the last couple of weeks have been spent organizing and planning for 2016. I have redesigned our borough council meeting agendas, resolutions, and ordinances. All of our meeting documentation is now posted on our website five days before the actual Wednesday meeting. This new level of transparency has been developed to keep you informed. I urge you to take advantage of this new feature. Our next goal is to videotape Council Meetings at some point in 2016.

Next up, we start working on the 2016 municipal budget. As we progress, I will keep you updated. For now, I wish everyone health, happiness, and success as we begin the new year. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL!

Mayor Paul M. Carelli

RIVERDALE FOOD PANTRY

Sincere thanks to all who generously supported the Pantry this holiday season either Individually or in a group food drive. The donations were abundant and much appreciated. The need is ongoing so please continue your support with canned foods, paper products, and cleaning items.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist with the Pantry, please call Linda Roetman at the Municipal Building – (973) 835-4060



HOURS

Monday 10-8 Thursday 10-8
Tuesday 10-5 Friday 10-5
Wednesday 10-8 Saturday 10-4

RIVERDALE Public Library

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Phone: 973-835-5044 • Fax: 973-835-2175

Registration for programs
is required.
Call (973) 835-5044 or visit
www.riverdalelibrary.org
to sign up!

ADULT PROGRAMS

All Over This Land: American Regional Folk Music — Wed., Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m. Through live performance (and occasional tapes of “the real thing”), Saul Broudy, Ph.D., folklorist and performer, presents songs from various regions of the U.S. and Canada and discusses how these songs help us identify who we are and where we came from. Funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Movie Night: Steve Jobs - Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m. Based on Walter Isaacson’s 2011 book, this biographical drama explores the life of Steve Jobs through backstage views of three Apple product launches. Rated R; 122 min.

ADULT COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Microsoft Word — Sat., Feb. 6, 11:00-12:30 p.m. Learn to type text in Word, edit, spell-check, save, and print documents. Learn to format text, change fonts, use bullets and customize the quick access toolbar for easy access to favorite commands. *Prerequisite: comfortable using a computer, keyboard and mouse.*

PowerPoint — Thurs., Feb. 11, 11:00-12:30 p.m. Design a PowerPoint presentation with text, clip art, and animation. You’ll learn about formatting, the design options available, presentations views, and how to run a slide show. *Prerequisite: familiarity with PC basics and Word.*

iPad and Tablet Users Group — Fri., Feb. 19, 1:00-2:00 p.m. New to using a tablet? Bring your device and learn the basics in this monthly workshop for tablet users looking to increase their skills and share knowledge and experience.

Excel — Thurs., Feb. 25, 11:00-12:30 p.m. Learn how to create a simple worksheet. You will input data, create simple formulas and use basic formatting techniques. We will discuss tips to view your worksheet, and how to print a presentable report. *Prerequisite: familiarity with PC basics and Microsoft Word.*

TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS — GRADES 6 & UP

The Third Thursday — Thurs., Feb. 18, 4:00-5:00 p.m. The once-a-month after school program for tweens and teens in grades 5-8 continues with our next science session.

INFANT & PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Storytimes run the week of January 18 through March 14.

Baby Time: Up to 2 years w/caregiver. Mon., 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Totally Twos: 2 year-olds w/caregiver. Mon., 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Preschool Pals: Ages 3-5, Tues., 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Full STEAM Ahead — Fri., Feb. 12, 2:00 p.m. This new program will introduce preschoolers ages 3-5 to simple Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math concepts while having fun and making new friends. Let’s give it try!

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS — GRADES K-5

Registration Required for all programs unless noted.

After School Craft: Penguins — Wed., Feb. 3, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Get cozy and crafty inside the library with Do-It-Yourself penguins! Please register as supplies are limited.

Special Storytime: Happy Birthday! — Fri., Feb. 5, 2:00 p.m. Ages 3-5. Join us for a special birthday-themed storytime with great books and a craft!

Paws to Read: Tales to Tails — Wed., Feb. 10, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Readers of all levels get to read to a friendly canine listener!

Valentine’s Day Craft Night — Thurs., Feb. 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Grades K-8. Like hearts, crafts, & candy? You’ll love this craft night!

LEGO Lab — Wed., Feb. 17, 4:00-5:00 pm. You bring your imagination, we’ll supply the LEGOs and a great story!

Bagels & Books Book Club — Sat., Feb. 20, 10:15-11:30 a.m. Pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk. Then join us for snacks and book talk!

Stuffed Animal Storytime & Sleepover — Thurs., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Bring your stuffed friends to an evening storytime and then let them spend the night at library. Come back the next day to pick them up and see photos of what they got up to while sleeping over!

The Friends of the Library Book Sale is March 18 – 20. Donations of books, DVD’s, CD’s and audio-books are welcome, through Saturday, March 5. We’re sorry, but we can’t accept magazines, condensed books, or encyclopedias.

MONTHLY

Adult Book Discussion Group — Mon., Feb. 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel.

Photo Club — Mon., Feb. 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Gypsy Knitters — Thursdays, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Experienced knitters, bring a project and join in!



RECREATION NEWS



In order to register for any of the programs below, to ask any questions or looking to volunteer for any of the programs, you may call 973-835-4060 x232 or email riverdalerec@gmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 11:00 am SHARP

Open to children 2yrs - 5th grade

Bring your own basket!



2016 SPRING BREAK REC

For children currently in K-5th grade

April 11-15 at Riverdale Community Center, 9:30-2:30

COST = \$125 per student

REGISTRATION: Go online www.riverdalenj.gov/recreation for more information or to register. You can also call 973-835-4060 x232 or email riverdalerec@gmail.com with questions.

2016 Summer Rec Registration

For children entering 1st - 6th grade as of Fall '16— Full Time

For children entering 7th - 8th grade as of Fall '16 - Part Time

\$150 deposit due to reserve your child's spot

Summer Rec dates for 2016 will be June 27 - July 29.

9:00-3:00 at Riverdale Community Center

REGISTRATION forms available online now. Email riverdalerec@gmail.com with any questions.

SOFTBALL CLINIC

March 16, 17, 18 & 21st @ Lakeside School in PL

7:00-8:30PM, for 1st - 8th grade, Cost = \$60

TO REGISTER: Email riverdalerec@gmail.com or call 973-835-4060 x232

Field Hockey Clinic

Thursdays, 3/24 - 4/28 (excluding 4/14 for Spring Break)
@Lakeside School in PL

7:00-8:30PM, for 1st - 8th grade, Cost = \$70

TO REGISTER: email riverdalerec@gmail.com or call 973-835-4060 x232

2016 COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

SPRING BREAK REC: applications being accepted **NOW** thru Feb **ONLY**. (Spring Break Rec will run the week of April 11-15, 9:30-2:30)

SUMMER REC: applications will be accepted in March and April **ONLY**.

You **MUST** be 16 and a Riverdale Resident to apply.

Applications are only available at Borough Hall.

Email riverdalerec@gmail.com with any questions.



Women's Fitness



in conjunction with Pompton Lakes Recreation

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

at Lincoln School in Pompton Lakes

Session II: 1/11/16 - 3/9/16

Session III: 3/21/16 - 5/1/16

\$50 for 16 classes, \$35 for 10 classes, or \$5 drop in

MEN'S BASKETBALL

in conjunction with Pompton Lakes Recreation

TUESDAY'S, now thru 5/16 7:00 - 10:00 PM

at Lincoln School in Pompton Lakes

\$50 for 9 month session



Walking Club

in conjunction with Pompton Lakes Recreation

THURSDAYS, now thru 4/28 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Lakeside School Hallways in Pompton Lakes



From the desks of Riverdale School Superintendent, Mrs. Vicki Pede, and Principal, Mr. Sean Bowe:

The month of February is yet another exciting time for those of us fortunate enough to be in the Riverdale School District. In addition to the traditional happenings in February (i.e., Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Groundhog's Day, Super Bowl Sunday), it is a month of even more possibilities and accomplishments for our Riverdale family. At this time of year, there are a number of us immersed in budget preparations for the upcoming school year, of course with the students in our school at the forefront of our planning. There is a children's picture book authored by Michelle Cook entitled *Our Children Can Soar* that includes a quote stating the following: "Every person has a purpose, a unique effect on the world around us. And sometimes a person's achievements are so extraordinary, they shape generations to come." Think about it, all of us do have a unique effect on the world around us, and, in fact, no matter what our individual accomplishments may be, each of them does have some sort of impact on the world around us. This is especially meaningful to me at this time of the year when we examine what we need to do as a district to best educate our children while being fiscally responsible to our community. We are trying to provide opportunities for our children's learning with the resources we have in order to prepare our children for a future that we as adults can only envision! We are well aware of decisions made today and their impact on generations to come.

Accomplishments that should be celebrated happen each and every day! Recently, the Riverdale family recognized two staff members. Mrs. Lisa Moro-Zemaitis was recognized as Teacher of the Year. She has been a teacher in Riverdale since 2007 holding nursery school, elementary school and teacher of the handicapped certifications; she has been such a positive impetus behind our integrated preschool. Mrs. Zemaitis has helped to shape the futures of our youngest children in Riverdale School with so many exciting learning experiences. Our Educational Support Staff Member of the Year was determined to be Mrs. Cari-Ann Synol, our classroom aide in the integrated preschool program since 2006. Mrs. Synol's caring disposition with our youngest learners and her smiling greeting as they enter each morning, help to set a positive tone to the day ahead. The Board of Education will officially recognize these accomplishments at their February 17th BOE meeting. You are welcome to join us as we continue our efforts schoolwide to educate our children the best that we can!



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

Book Fair	February 1 – February 5	Student Schedules
Evening Book Fair	February 2: 6:00 – 8:00	Primary Hallway Area
School Board Meeting	February 3 – 7:30	Library
Preschool Open House	February 9 – 7:00	Library
PTA Founder's Day Meeting	February 11 – 7:00	Cafeteria
Valentine's Day Dance	February 12 – 7:00	Gym
Winter Recess	February 15, 16, 17	SCHOOL CLOSED
Kindergarten Registration	February 24: 9:00 – 11:00	Main Entrance
Kindergarten Registration	February 25: 2:00 – 4:00	Main Entrance
School Board Meeting	February 17 – 7:30	Library
SEPAC Meeting	February 29 – 7:00	Library

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Sergeant Charles Quant Jr.

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Patrolman Kyle Parrill

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RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Riverdale, NJ 07457



REMINDER: DECEMBER 1—APRIL 1

NO PARKING on the borough streets from 12 midnight -6AM

**NO PARKING on borough streets when
snowing or when streets are snow covered.**

BY AND LARGE

by Elaine Peacock

A CLEAN SLATE

As the New Year begins this is our chance to use the clean slate that GOD has given us for 2016. Every January 1st God gives us 365 days (this year it is 366 due to leap year) to make a difference in the lives of others and change the attitudes, behavior and habits we didn't particularly like about ourselves in 2015. This clean slate gives us the chance to give more smiles, more hugs, bite our tongues, write that note, make that telephone call and share a laugh and or a tear.

If we use God's clean slate well by the time 2017 rolls around we will have made a difference in our little corner of the world. Oh I'm not saying that we won't slip back into an old habit once in a while after all we are only human, but if we strive to do at least one positive act look at the domino effect we will create. Actually that is all that God asks of us to make a difference where we find ourselves. I wish you a Happy New Year and may 2016 bring you lots of opportunities fill your clean slate.

A New Year
A Clean Slate

IT'S TIME TO GET CREATIVE AGAIN!!

THE RIVERDALE WOMAN'S CLUB IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS

5th ANNUAL SCRAPBOOK FUNDRAISER



DATE: SATURDAY – APRIL 16, 2016

TIME: 10 AM TO 10 PM

PLACE: RIVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER – 57 LOY AVENUE

COST: \$45 IF PAID BEFORE March 1st\$50 IF PAID AFTER.

LUNCH, DINNER AND SNACKS INCLUDED!

LOTS OF CROPPING SPACE AND EVERY SEAT IS AN ASILE SEAT!

MULTIPLE VENDORS INCLUDING "CLOSE TO MY HEART"," CREATIVE MEMORIES" AND "STAMPIN UP".

DOOR PRIZES, MASSAGE THERAPIST, RAFFLES AND MORE!

RSVP to JENNY WALENTA TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT- 973-650-8860

15 SILVERLEAF COURT, RIVERDALE, NJ 07457

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO - RIVERDALE WOMAN'S CLUB

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to fund the various scholarships and awards the Woman's Club presents to High School and 8th grade students.

The Senior's Corner

The December 7th meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Bowersox. In keeping with the day, Chaplain Elaine Peacock read an article entitle "Pearl Harbor" which she wrote. It was followed by the flag salute, Lord's Prayer, club pledge and a moment of silence. Dorothy led the club in the singing of "America". Secretary Annette Lucente called the roll. There were 45 members in attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Laura LaRosa and approved. First Vice President Grace Chiesa reported on ill members and cards sent. Kay Boucher read a humorous story about being 80 which was enjoyed by all. The Audit report was given by Gerry Mahler and approved. Warren Sheps reported that the slate of officers for the next 2 years would be installed at the next meeting. Dorothy thanked everyone for their support during her administration. Members were reminded to be at the Regency at noon when the doors open for the Christmas luncheon.

The December 21st meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Bowersox with wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Chaplain Elaine Peacock read an article which she wrote entitled "Quiet Christmas Moments" It was followed by the flag salute, Lord's Prayer, the club pledge and a moment of silence. Dot led in the singing of "Jingle Bells". Annette read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved. Treasurer's report was read by Laura and approved. Members were reminded that dues are due. Grace reported on ill members noting that Marion Davis, a longtime member, is in an assisted living facility. Dot stated that committee members are needed for 2016. She thanked the Christmas luncheon committee for a great party.

The installation of officers was conducted by Linda Roetman as follows: President: Gloria Carelli; 1st Vice President: Loretta Lippens; 2nd Vice President: Grace Chiesa; Treasurer: Laura LaRosa; Secretary: Annette Lucente; Chaplain: Elaine Peacock. The meeting was closed, raffle conducted, jokes told, refreshments served and Bingo played.



Riverdale Borough Hall Directory

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